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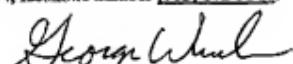
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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*In the Application of:* Kevin Archer et al.*Serial No.:* 10/038,522*Filed:* October 23, 2001*For:* METHODS OF INCORPORATING  
PHOSPHATE/BORATE FIRE  
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## AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In response to the Office action of February 26, 2004, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows.

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.